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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 289,000 head as of December 1, 2018. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month's inventory and 11 percent above December 1, 2017. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 27,000 head of fed cattle during November 2018, 10 percent below the previous month, but 13 percent above the November 2017 marketings. An estimated 30,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during November 2018, 30 percent above last month but 12 percent below the November 2017 placements. Other disappearance for November 2018, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2018. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2017. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.00 million head, 5 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 550,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 495,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 416,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 315,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 115,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.87 million head, 1 percent above 2017. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 head during November, 13 percent above 2017.

For a full copy of the December 2018 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.